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EDITORIAL (Otherwise called "EDITOR'S WINGE")

I can just hear you all complaining as you open this copy of "The News" that you have been cheated out of an entire page. You are dead right! There are only five pages in this issue, but I have not cheated you - you have cheated yourselves. Remember this is the Club's newsletter; not Eliz. Shaw's, and that you are the Club! If you want to check over the funny thing that happened on so-and-so's walk you will have to let me know. Walks reports are great fun so I would like to get a few lines of paper every so often. The editorial staff at present is only one strong and that one (E.S.) is rather weak, so let's have a bumper issue in August with articles (every article is of interest to some one), cartoons and Along the Track!

SOCIAL FIXTURES

FRIDAY JULY 14th WINTER WALKING -- John Brownlie
" AUGUST 11th Bushwalking in New Zealand -- John Siseman

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY AUGUST 25th 1967 AT
161 FLINDERS LANE MELBOURNE AT 8.30 p.m.

Sue Taylor
Hon. Sec.

HELP SAVE LAKE PEDDER

Come to an evening of FILMS and SLIDES on SOUTH WEST TASMANIA

FEATURING: Two 16mm films of the "South West."

A Collection of color slides of the area
taken by Victorian bushwalkers.

PLUS

Natural history and conservation films

WHERE??? . . . At 8 p.m. at the National Herbarium,
Royal Botanic Gardens (near the Shrine), on

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Donations to 50¢ to the Save Lake Pedder Fund, to help publicise
the case for saving Lake Pedder. REMEMBER, SUPPORT FOR LAKE
PEDDER MEANS SUPPORT FOR ALL NATIONAL PARKS.

A U S K I
SHOP AT AUSKI

Equipment, Maps, Books, Everything for the Bushwalker is available from
Auski House, Hardware St., Melbourne. Do not forget to mention you
are a "Bushie" for special consideration and discount too!

ERRATUM PAGE 4: 24 HOUR WALK

Please note the following the correction:

The group from our club did very well, covered 52 miles
in 23 hours to gain SECOND place in the mixed groups section and
ELEVENTH place overall.

BIMONTHLY MEETING

The June Bimonthly meeting was held at 161 Flinders Lane at 8.30 on Friday June 30th. About 60 scul's (bless 'em all!) assembled themselves and the business of the Extraordinary General Meeting was dealt with quickly. Tim Dent was nominated and elected as Wilkinson Lodge Manager - Congratulations Tim! Those present also voted that we associate ourselves with the Victorian Speleological Association (see below for benefits of same).

The most important matter for discussion was the change of clubrooms and clubnight. There was considerable discussion on these issues and the significant points brought out were that as we had always meet on Friday nights people had arranged their lives around this event, on the other hand it was pointed out that those who liked to go walking for the weekend rather than just on Sunday, found it rather awkward to book for club trips when meetings were on Fridays. There was less discussion about the site of clubrooms as it was pointed out that even apart from the noise at the V.R.I. it was extremely unpleasant for girls in particular to have to free their way through the other V.R. Customers (i.e. "The Melbourne Jailhouse"). Room 110 is not available on any other evening. It was brought up that perhaps we could meet in more attractive surroundings but the President said that the cost for such rooms was beyond our means.

The following motion was put and carried.

That the meeting night be changed to a Wednesday as soon as possible and in the meantime meetings be held on Friday nights here (at 161 Flinders Lane).

As yet we have not been able to rent 161 Flinders Lane on Wednesday so

WE MEET
ON FRIDAYS

at 161 FLINDERS LANE at 8.00p.m.

The Secretary told the meeting of the proposed plan to inundate Lake Pedder National Park (S.W. Tasmania) in order to store water for a Hydro-electric power. Lake Pedder is a unique area (see last issue of News)

Much discussion followed as to whether

(a) should we try to stop the scheme?

and (b) can we effectively stop the scheme?

It was pointed out that we may not be able to save Lake Pedder but if no steps are taken to voice our objections Governments will feel at liberty to alienate more of our National Parks. The meeting voted that we donate \$50 to "The Save Lake Pedder Fund" and a further \$14 was given by individuals at the end of the meeting. Your attention is drawn to the advertisement on page 1 telling of the Public meeting to be held on August 9th and your support is earnestly requested.

WILKINSON LODGE

Tim Dent is the new Lodge Manager and is willing to give advise to all who wish to go.

Tim can be contacted at 28 Melliaway Street, Maidstone.

Fees are Summer	Members 50c	Visitors \$1.00
Winter	" 80c	" \$1.60

The fire stove in the kitchen is fast decaying and the Club would like to replace it, however new stoves are extremely expensive and we would like to buy a second hand one. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of a good stove (or how we can get one) would they please see Tim.

NEW MEMBERS

KEVIN WILSON, 70 Gallendar Road, Noble Park

DENNIS LOWATT, 57100 Hotham Street, East St. Kilda.

WELCOME MEN AND GOOD WALKING

FEDERATION NEWS

At the last AGM of the Federation Mens Club members, Tom Buyck, Eric Quinlan and Vic Moss were elected as President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. It is some while since MBW people have held office in the Federation - what about someone standing next year?

It is likely that the Federation will again be asked for leaders to assist with the 1 week bushwalking section of the Dept of Social Services Professional Youth Leader Training Course in October. There is already a suggestion for one male, but two female leaders will probably be needed. It is possible that someone working with a State Government Dept. could be temporarily seconded. It's good publicity for the club and could be a weeks paid holiday in the bush, so if you are interested see Rob Steele (p) 47 3743.

Instructors are also required for next Summer Outward Bound courses which are held at Howman's Gap. The dates are (1) Nov 30th - Dec 23rd 1967 and (11) Jan 9th to Feb 3rd 1968. Experienced instructors are required and wages will vary with experience. If you feel qualified and are interested contact Brigadier J. K. Coffey, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne (51 6566).

Incidentally the Federation is producing a bimonthly NEWS sheet which members can have posted to their address for 1 whole year by sending 25 cents to the Treasurer F. V.W.C. Box 815F, G.P.O. Melbourne.

SLIDE CONVENTION

At the bimonthly meeting it was suggested that the Club start a collection of slides so that we can give illustrated talks about particular areas, show visitors the area we plan to walk in etc. Ian Sneehey has been elected slide custodian and would like to receive slides from members. This collection could become a most valuable asset to the Club so if you have duplicate slides of club walks or slides you have finished with, pass them on to Ian.

THEATRE PARTY TO "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

The Social Sub committee is active once again and is planning a Club theatre party when this hit show comes to Melbourne. The date will be advertized in a later edition of "The NEWS". If you are interested please contact Shirley Trotter (p) 56 2496.

DUTY ROSTER

July 28 Rex Filsca	August 4 Shirley Trotter	Aug 11 Athol Schafer
Aug 18 John Siseman	August 25 Fred Halls	Sept 1st Sue Filson

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If not claimed within 7 days
 return to Hon. Sec Melbourne Bushwalkers,
 66, Twyford Street, Williamstown.

Victorian Spelaeological Association (V.S.A.)

At the bimonthly meeting we affiliated with this association. This allows members of the MBW to join V.S.A. activities and hire V.S.A. equipment at a cost of 20c per person per weekend. It had also been suggested that the Club Programme a few walks in conjunction with the V.S.A. so that we may see more of our natural heritage.

If you want more information contact

DRRYL CARR

P.O. BOX 5425CL, G.P.O.,

MELBOURNE

New Maps on Nariel Area

Barry Short has sent the following information :

"Dyelines of the Provisional Compilations (which include contours), for the mapsheets Leinster, Gibbo, Cravensville, and Nariel, at a scale of 1:50,000 are now available from the Central Plan Office of the Lands Dept. The mapsheets Cravensville and Nariel, correspond to the old one inch to the mile Thowgla sheet, Leinster is the east half of the old Glen Wills sheet and Gibbo is the east half of the old Benambra sheet." ---
The army has published 3 more maps at 1:50,000, they are Murchison, Arcadia (Old Murchison sheet) and have been brought up to date. Neerim (east half of old Gembrook sheet) is also now available but is just a rehash of the Lands Dept Gembrook sheet & has no new track information on it. ---

24 HOUR WALK

This walk organised by the M.U.M.C. is always popular. This year about 200 walkers participated. The group from our Club did very well, and covered 52 miles in 23½ hours to gain eighth place in the Mixed Groups section.

Let's name the group :

MAIRIE VERGINIS
BEVERLEY SOUTHWOOD
ANDY PRICE
ART TERRY
JOHN ROGERS
KEL WILSON
SHIRLEY TRELOAR

The beauty of night walking during the 23½ hours was probably due to the lovely full white moon which illuminated their way. Weather conditions were good for them too.. Both Saturday and Sunday. With Channel 2 there to try and film something of the walk, they recorded the "walkers" on one Newsreel the following night. "What damn fools" you all say, well the group are saying that part of their plan is to sign up again.

"LITTLE TALKS"

The first of the Club's Little Talks, given by Doctor Liz and Robin Mitchell was well attended. The night proved to be one of the entertainment highlights of the year. Strangulated hernias and blisters on the feet have never provided so much laughter.

We had better provide more chairs for the next talk..

WALKS PREVIEWSDAY WALKS

July 23

DIGGERS REST - ORGAN PIPES - SYDENHAM. Medium

Leader: John Haughton. Train leaves Spencer Street at 9.30am
Buy a Sunday excursion to Gidders Rest. Fare \$0.53. Map 1" to 1 mile Sunbury Military. An interesting walk including a visit to a unique rock formation in the banks of Jackson's Creek.

July

SNOW WALK -- DOM DOM SADDLE - CARTER'S GAP. MT. VINEGAR.

Medium - Hard

Leader: Neil Ham. Van leaves Batman Av at 9.20am. Fare \$1.50.
Map 1,50,000 Juliet Military and/or V.M.T.C.'s 2" to 1 mile Acheron - Dom Dom. The standard really depends on the amount of snow. However, a good walk is promised regardless so roll up! Bring your friends, thermos flasks and snow goggles.

August 6

KING PARROT CREEK - YEA SPUR - JUNCTION HILL - TEA TREE CREEK,

Medium.

Leader: Helen Mitchell (p) 50 3042. Van leaves Batman Av at 9.20am. Fare \$1.60. Map 1,50,000 GLENBURN Military.

August 13

DJERRIWARRK CREEK. Easy

Leader: Ann Silva (p) 868 3354. Van leaves Batman Av at 9.20 am. Fare \$1.20. Map 1" to 1 mile Ballan Military. An interesting day north of Bacchus Marsh.

August 20

TRAWOOL - MEADOW HILL - BREECH PEAK. Medium

Leader required. Train leaves Spencer St at 9.30 am
Buy a Sunday excursion to Trawool. Fare \$2.15 Map 1:50,000 Tallarook Military. Join this walk up to and over a wide plateau teeming with wild life and also visit "The Mount" homestead.

WEEKEND WALKS

July 21-23

SNOW TRIP BAW BAW PLATEAU. Hard

Leader: John Brownlie (p) 53 9692. Van leaves Batman Av at 6.30 pm. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A SKI TRIP. THERE WILL ONLY BE A WALKING PARTY IF NUMBERS PERMIT. This trip is definitely not recommended for beginners.

August 5-6

EROADFORD - MT. MARIANNE - MT. JIMMY YEA. Medium

Leader: Art Terry (p) 93 3617. Van leaves Batman Av at 9.20 am. Fare \$3.00 Map 1" to 1 mile Tallarook Military.

August 18-20

SNOW TRIP - MT. FEATHERTOP. Hard

Leader: Robin Mitchell (p) 50 3042. Private transport leaves Batman Av at 6.30 pm. Map M.B.M. Mt. Heathertop. This trip is definitely not recommended for beginners.

August 19-20

GARFIELD - BLACK SNAKE RANGE - GEMBROOK. Medium

Leader: Athol Schafer (p) 211 2649. Train leaves Flinders St at 7.25 am. Buy a 2nd single to Garfield. Fare \$2.50 plus bus money. Map Drcuin 1" to 1 mile and Gembrock C 2" to 1 mile Train returns city 6.00 pm Sunday.

THANKS

Thanks once again to Shirley Treloar for typing this issue, to our Walks Editor - Geoff. Kennafacke - for so ably looking after page 5, and I believe that our Columnist - Sue Wilson - managed to add a few snippets just as "THE NEWS" was going to bed.

Thanks to you all, Ed.